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MEETINGS (U)

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AND/OR POLICIES SHOULD NOT BE EVOLVED OR MODIFIED SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THIS REPORT.

(2) (~~C/N~~NOFORN) SOURCE, A US MILITARY MEMBER WHO HAS REPORTED RELIABLY IN THE PAST, WAS PRESENT DURING DISCUSSIONS BY HIGH RANKING ARGENTINE OFFICIALS. DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS EXTREME LEFT TERRORIST GROUPS COMPOSED OF AR EXILES HAVE MET CONTINUOUSLY TO PLAN STRATEGY TO OVERTHROW THE AR GOVERNMENT AFTER THE MALVINAS (FALKLANDS) WAR. THE TERRORISTS ARE CONVINCED THAT AR WILL BE WEAK, BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY AND THAT IT WOULD BE EASY TO REOPEN GUERRILLA WARFARE, SIMILAR TO THE 1974-1977 ERA. THE KEY FIGURE IN THESE MEETINGS IS OBREGON CANO, FORMER LEADER OF THE MONTONEROS WHO TRAVELS WITH ANASTAS, LUIS ARIAS, CESAR CAL- CAGNO, RICARDO JOFFRE, AND JAVIER TORRES. ALL OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE MONTONEROS. CANO AND HIS GROUP WERE IN PN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, THEN TRAVELED TO PERU (PE) AND RETURNED TO PN. CANO AND HIS GROUP STAYED AT THE HOTEL PANAMA HILTON PRIOR TO THE TRIP TO PE AND AT THE HOLIDAY INN NEAR TORRIJOS AIRPORT UPON RETURN TO PN. IN BOTH CASES HE REGISTERED UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME. CANO IS NOW IN MEXICO, BUT HAS ALSO TRAVELED TO NICARAGUA (NU) AND CUBA. WHILE IN NU, CANO HELD A TWO-DAY MEETING WITH MARIO EDUARDO FIRMEINICH,

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WHO WAS A FORMER LEADER OF AN ACTION CELL IN THE MONTONEROS AND IS PERSONALLY CREDITED WITH SEVERAL MURDERS INCLUDING ASSASSINATION OF AR PRESIDENT PEDRO EUGENIO ARAMBURO ON 29 MAY 70. (DPOA: 820610-820614, HOWARD AFB, PN, EVAL: B-2).

B. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ ORIGINATOR'S COMMENTS:

AFOSI DIST 30 IIR 1 647 0075 82 REPORTED THAT CANO WAS DENIED PERMISSION ON 18 MAY 82 BY THE AR EMBASSY IN LIMA, PERU, TO RETURN TO AR TO "SUPPORT AR WAS AGAINST ENGLISH IMPERIALISTS AND US." THE SAME IIR STATED THAT THE TERRORISTS INTEND TO RETURN TO AR AFTER THE WAR TO REACTIVATE TERRORISM, A GOAL WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY INFORMATION IN THE DETAILS OF THIS REPORT. WHILE SOURCE IDENTIFIES CANO AS FORMER LEADER OF THE MONTONEROS, DIA IDENTIFIES FIREMINICH AS PRINCIPAL MONTONERO LEADER SINCE 1970. HE IS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE MONTONERO ARMY AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARTY AND OF THE MOVEMENT. HE IS A DEDICATED ADOCCATE OF CONTINUED "ARMED STRUGGLE" (TERRORISM), HIS HEADQUARTERS IS IN CUBA, HOWEVER, HE TRAVEL TO NICARAGUA FREELY (DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM: A COMPENDUM VOL III-LATIN AMERICA, JAN 82). THE SAME DIA PUBLICATION REPORTS: "IN LATE JANUARY 1981, MONTONERO REPRESENTATIVES MET IN PANAMA WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE M-19 OF COLUMBIA

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AND THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO PANAMA. THE MEETING WAS HELD IN AN APARTMENT LEASED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FARBUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF EL SALVADOR. THE GROUP DISCUSSED CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE LEFTIST STRUGGLES IN EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, AND COLOMBIA. THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRADE WAS MENTIONED AS A LUCRATIVE SOURCE OF MONEY." THE HOTELS IN WHICH CANO REPORT-EDLY STAYED ARE FREQUENTED BY US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN PANAMA. THIS IIR IS RESPONSIVE TO MAC REQUIREMENTS FOR INFO ON TERRORIST ENVIRONMENT AT MAC AIR MISSION DESTINATIONS. COORDINATED WITH USEMB FOIA(b)(3) - 10 USC 424 - DIA, NRO and NSA

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